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WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY

MARCH 24, 2011



World Tuberculosis (TB) Day, on March 24th each year, is designed to build public awareness that tuberculosis remains an epidemic in much of the world, causing the deaths of several million people each year, mostly in the third world. This annual event commemorates the date, in 1882, when Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of the bacterium that causes tuberculosis.

This special day provides an opportunity to communicate TB-related problems and solutions and to support worldwide TB-control efforts. In the United States, the theme for World TB Day is "TB elimination: Together We Can!"

SPECIAL STATEMENTS FROM U.S. GOVERNMENT

[Statement by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton](#) (March 23, 2011) - "On this World Tuberculosis Day, the United States reaffirms its commitment to fighting this deadly disease. We are supporting programs that are saving lives and fostering a more secure world. We are the first and largest contributor to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria."

[Statement by USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah](#) (March 24, 2011) - "The U.S. is making major investments to prevent and control TB in countries around the world where the burden of the disease is highest. But we will not meet our target to halve TB prevalence and deaths by 2015 unless we dramatically reduce the length of treatment regimens and invest in new research and technologies."

TB ELIMINATION: TOGETHER WE CAN!



[The Global Plan to Stop TB 2011-2015: Transforming the Fight Towards Elimination of TB](#) [2011; 101 pages; PDF format; 2.53MB]- A comprehensive assessment of the action and resources needed to implement the Stop TB strategy and make an impact on the global TB burden.

[A Call for Action on the Tuberculosis Elimination Plan for the United States](#) [March 2010; 93 pages; PDF format; 990KB]- This campaign was developed by the Stop TB USA Tuberculosis Elimination Plan Committee with guidance from consultants and feedback from reviewers representing key stakeholders.

ON THE MOVE AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS



[Tuberculosis Prevalence Surveys: a Handbook](#) [March 2011; PDF format; 2.73MB]- The handbook is published by the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for the Western Pacific. Its aim is to provide guidance to countries about how to estimate the prevalence of tuberculosis disease through population-based surveys.

[Building Partnerships to Control Tuberculosis](#) (October 2010; 75 pages; PDF format; 2.03MB) - This report focuses on achievements in countries "... receiving United States bilateral foreign assistance for tuberculosis control purposes..." as well as global technical leadership and research activities supported with USG foreign assistance funding for international TB control.

[The U.S. Government Tuberculosis Strategy](#) (March 24, 2010; 30 pages; PDF format; 484KB) - This strategy outlines conservative treatment targets based upon the total estimated costs of existing drugs, diagnostic tests and services to diagnose and treat basic TB and MDR-TB.

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